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Title: Migrating Virtual Machines  
Among Computer Systems  
to Balance Load Caused by  
Virtual Machines

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
June 19, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of June 19, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.